

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1381

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Glenda Chrisp of Obion County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Glenda Chrisp, who has long been a singular force in her community; her industrious, passionate, devoted service to Obion County has had a far-reaching impact that greatly benefited the county's citizens and will continue to do so for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Chrisp recently stepped down as the Obion County CornFest executive director after leading the festival, formerly known as Fall Fest, for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with her festival leadership, she spent seventeen years at the helm of Main Street Union City, the organization that formed the festival; during her time in this position, Main Street was recognized nationally for its outstanding achievements in the areas of historic preservation and downtown revitalization and was praised in *Southern Living's* April 2008 Tennessee Edition in an article on Union City; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chrisp has worked on projects to restore the historical railroad depot and the Capitol Theatre and to place period lighting and signage in the downtown area; she also assisted in getting twelve sites and two districts on the National Register of Historic Places and was able to help secure funds to plant 122 trees in Union City and help businesses improve their facades; and

WHEREAS, she has further served her community as interim director of the Obion County Chamber of Commerce; Tennessee Bicentennial chairman for Obion County, for which she was honored by the State; Tennessee Main Street Association (TMSA) state program manager; Union City Beautification chairman, resulting in a three-star designation; and chairman for Obion County Tennessee Treasure Volunteers Program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chrisp is a graduate of Leadership Obion County and served as a mentor for West Tennessee Downtowns; she has been a member of the Visionary Committee for Union City, secretary of Poplar Meadows Country Club, treasurer of Union City Tennis League, president of Delphian Review Club, and public relations chairman for the Junior Auxiliary of Obion County, of which she is a life member. She currently serves on the Main Street board; and

WHEREAS, often duly honored for her selfless service, Mrs. Chrisp has received the Preservationist Award and the Contributor's Award from the Tennessee Historical Commission, the Designated Economic Development Award and the Best Design Award from TMSA, the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Most Outstanding Achievement Award, and the National Main Street Center Most Outstanding Performance Scholarship Award, and she was named the 2021 Pride of Obion County; and

WHEREAS, a woman of abiding faith, Glenda Chrisp is a member of Union City First Methodist Church, where she sings in the choir; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chrisp has been blessed with the love and companionship of her husband, Tommy Chrisp; three daughters, Letitia Jan (Michael) Barnett, Lisa Gaye (Randy) Scott, and Stephanie (Benn) Stewart; and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Glenda Chrisp epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she should be specially recognized for her many accomplishments and devoted work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Glenda Chrisp for her selfless service to her fellow citizens and extend to her our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.